

ADAMS COUNTY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: November 2, 2009
Room A260

Chairman Glenn Licitar called the Adams County Planning & Development Committee meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. with the following members present: Joanne Sumpter, Vice-Chair; Terry James, Secretary; Sylvia Breene, Joe Stuchlak Richard Colby and Mike Keckeisen. Others present were: Phil McLaughlin, Zoning Administrator; Cathy Allen, Recording Secretary; Greg Rhinehart, Surveyor and Fran Dehmlow. Was this meeting properly announced? Phil McLaughlin stated that it was. Roll call.

Public Hearings: Dawn M. Woychik – Rezoning request of a portion of a 73.36 acre parcel (approximately 10 acres) from an A-1 Exclusive Agriculture District to an R1-LL Single Family Residential District of the Adams County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to allow the property to be split on property located in the E ½, NE ¼, Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 6 East, Lot 1, CSM 4771, Town of Adams, Adams County, Wisconsin. Mike Keckeisen made a motion to recommend enactment of the zoning change, on the above described property and forward that recommendation to the County Board for final action. Richard Colby seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Licitar closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Terry James made a motion to approve the agenda. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Licitar stated that public participation would be accepted throughout the meeting.

Phil McLaughlin presented the minutes from the October 7, 2009 Planning & Development meeting to the Committee for review and approval. Joe Stuchlak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Joanne Sumpter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

Greg Rhinehart presented the Surveyor's report for the month of October to the Committee for review and approval. Terry James made a motion to approve the Surveyor's report as presented. Sylvia Breene seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Murphy joined the meeting at 9:27 A.M.

Discussion was held regarding the WLWCA Annual Conference to be held in LaCrosse on December 9th & 10th of this year. Terry James made a motion to appoint Mike Keckeisen as the voting representative for Adams County and send him to the conference. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Phil McLaughlin presented Committee members with a copy of the newly adopted Wis. Stats. Chapter 91 on Farmland Preservation for their review. Discussion was held. Joanne Sumpter made a motion to table further discussion on Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation Program until December in order for the Committee to review the paperwork. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mike Keckeisen made a motion to recess. Joe Stuchlak seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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RECONVENE: 10:29 A.M.

Phil McLaughlin explained to the Committee that the County has an Agriculture Preservation Plan, which is independent of the Exclusive Agriculture District in the Adams County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Chris Murphy was directed to contact Keith Foy from DATCP and ask if he could attend the next Land & Water meeting to explain the new rules to the Committee, so that they can make an informed decision on the matter. Mr. Murphy was directed to include discussion and possible action on Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation Program to the Agenda for Monday November 9, 2009 Land & Water Planning & Development Committee meeting.

Discussion was held regarding pursuing correction of the Adams County Flood Maps through grants or stimulus monies, with input from Greg Rhinehart, County Surveyor, Jodi Helgeson, Register of Deeds and Tyler Grosshuesch, GIS Dept. Mike Keckeisen made a motion for Phil McLaughlin and Chris Murphy to work together on a Grant Application for this project, with assistance from Greg Rhinehart. Joanne Sumpter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Terry James stated that in conversation with Phil McLaughlin, there have been six buffer restoration permits issued through the Planning & Zoning Department. Chris Murphy informed the Committee that there has been approximately twenty "contacts" for buffer restoration through the Land & Water Department. The Committee wanted it clarified that a permit needs to be obtained from Planning & Zoning before any restoration work starts, even if the property owner lets it be known that they will be doing the "no mow" and record the view corridor. Joe Stuchlak made a motion to put status of implementation of buffer requirements and comparisons of NR 115 and ACSPO on the January agenda. Terry James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Department updates: Discussion was held on new inspector.

Mike Keckeisen left the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Phil McLaughlin presented the Financial Report for the month of September and the Comp Time Report to the Committee for review. Richard Colby made a motion to approve the Financial Report and the Comp Time Report as presented. Terry James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

The Committee noted that closed session should be scheduled for the end of the January agenda for Department Head evaluation.

Richard Colby asked to be excused at the December meeting and notified the Committee that his term with the FFA expires December 31, 2009. The new FFA representative will be Kevin Bork.

Richard Colby made a motion to adjourn until December 2, 2009. Terry James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNED: 11: 52 A.M.

Glenn Licitar, Chair

Joanne Sumpter, Vice-Chair

Terry James, Secretary

Joe Stuchlak

Sylvia Breene

Mike Keckeisen

Richard Colby

Cathy Allen, Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.